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Ray of hope shines at the Cottage Show

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County homebuilders and realtors saw some light at the end of the current economic tunnel during the Home and Cottage Show held January 31 to February 2 in Pickering.

"I got the impression that people might start spending some money again," said Bob Lambe of RTL Contracting, who spent one day manning the Haliburton County Homebuilders' Association's (HCHA) booth.

"It was a total success for us (HCHA) and we got more response than I thought we would," he said. "(HCHA Vice-President) Gary Burch and I barely stopped talking when we were

there because there was always someone at our booth."

The association, formed last September to give more credibility to builders and their suppliers in the county, got a lot of recognition at the event and county realtors got a lot of leads.

Peter Epps of Centry 21 Highlands Realty there were many inquiries from first-time buyers at his booth as well as from people who already owned cottages and were looking for nicer ones.

"I think this year will be an improvement over last," he said. "I don't think sales will get back to the levels we had in 1989, but they will get better."

Haliburton's Bowes and Cocks Regional Manager Lynn Craigmyle said his office has

received several phone calls resulting from his attendance at the show. He sensed a positive mood and said his office made contact with 2,500 people, judging from the number of real estate catalogues given out.

"We found that we met a lot of people already in Haliburton who took cottagers from other areas to the show and were, in a sense, spreading the word about the beauty of Haliburton County."

Spreading the word is what events like this are all about and that's why the Home and Cottage Show was such a success for the HCHA.

Lambe said about one out of every five people who visited their booth wanted to know where Haliburton was. Those familiar with the area commended them on establishing the association, because, he said, customers feel more comfortable dealing with a business that belongs to an association.

"I found the show inspiring, a ray of sunshine for Haliburton County," said Brian Holden of Picard and Holden Ltd., an HCHA member.

Six other businesses and three other realtors from Haliburton and Minden also attended the show, including Bevro Welding and Manufacturing, Emmerson Lumber, J.D. Robinson Construction, Northern Timber House, Pat Murphy Construction, Sunshine Satellite Marts, Bill Payne Real Estate, Dale Austin Realty and Re-Max Haliburton Highlands Realty.

Semesters will benefit students, principal says

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

The school board's Education Committee has recommended that Haliburton Highlands Secondary School implement a fully-semestered program beginning in September, 1993.

The school's principal, Peter Forgrave, proposed the change earlier this year because, he said, the current course format no longer meets the needs of the students.

If approved at the board's February 25th meeting, the high school would offer its courses in a half-year (five month), 75-minute class format instead of the current full-year (10 month), with 40-minute classes. Students would have four periods per day instead of the current eight.

"The current format doesn't allow enough time for many

classroom activities and it makes for a high level of stress for students to have to face eight different teachers in one day," Forgrave told the committee at its monthly meeting last Tuesday.

In addition, he said students who drop classes in the first half of the year with the current format have to wait a whole year to get back in and students who return to pick up one or two credits find it difficult to schedule their entire year around 40 or 80 minutes each day.

Students currently coming from or going to semestered schools are hard to place, Forgrave said, and the general pace of the day with all students moving every 40 minutes is hectic and has a disruptive effect.

About 60 per cent of Ontario's secondary schools now offer their courses in two semesters.

Concern was raised at the meeting, however, over the ramifications on absenteeism and inter-scholastic sports programs.

If a student misses a class under the semestered format because of illness or to attend a sporting event, he or she would miss double the classtime of the current format.

"Students who like to take a week and go hunting, for instance, would really be missing two weeks," committee member Len Salvatori said.

HHSS Vice-Principal Gary Brohman told the committee that

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Snowmobilers fall through ice under bridge

At least four snowmobilers fell through the ice in the channel between Head and Grass Lakes in Haliburton Village over the weekend, raising concern over the lack of a sign there.

The ice is thin there because water continually flows under the Highway 121 bridge, in front of the high school. Although there is a trail off Head Lake to the right of the bridge, many snowmobilers either do not know it exists or insist on going under the bridge.

HCSA Director Paul Prentice said he'd like to see a sign there but because it is a waterway, he says only the municipality of Dysart can erect a sign.

"There's a problem with liability for the municipality," he said. "If they put a sign there, they'd have to put one everywhere there is thin ice in the county."

Dysart council was meeting on Monday so no one was available for comment.

Reports of how many people went through the ice differ from four to seven. Minden OPP had no details at press time on Monday.

Apsley OPP report a similar problem on Paudash Lake near the McGillivray Road Bridge, under which thin ice has been a hazard to snowmobilers.

The OPP has requested (because there is no law regarding the matter) that people who insist on riding under the bridge cover their tracks so that unsuspecting riders not familiar with the area do not follow them.



MY SHY VALENTINE

When you're in kindergarten, the friendships Valentine's Day engenders can take a bit of getting used to. Here, a shy Kyle Thompson, 5, offers an equally

shy Justine Pearsell, also 5, a Valentine card. All this week Victoria Street School will be ablaze with pink and red hearts.

Ease up on taxpayers: Liberals

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The federal government can no longer tax people at a high rate for earning money and then tax them for spending it, say representatives of the Victoria-Haliburton Federal Liberal Riding Association.

"With main street businesses, a big problem is the amount of taxes that have to be paid," says Bruce Glass, the Liberal candidate in past elections. "The idea of a consumption tax (the GST) wasn't a bad idea but the MacDonald Commission (which proposed the tax) certainly didn't recommend keeping high income taxes. Theoretically, a person should pay more taxes if they spend more, rather than be penalized if they can't spend. But the federal government now taxes you for trying to earn money and taxes you for spending it too."

"It's depressing people at a time the economy isn't doing very well. Right now people don't want to spend money on anything because they're afraid for their jobs."

'The federal government taxes you for trying to earn money and taxes you for spending it too,' say local Liberal representatives

If abolishing the GST is not feasible at present, the local association wants its party to at least consider a reduction in personal and corporate taxes. Party leader Jean Chretien has also suggested taking the GST off essential services such as hydro and telephones.

Glass, association president Joe McGuire and vice-president Guy Skipworth are preparing to attend a Liberal policy convention in Ottawa. By listening to local concerns, they want to play an active role in coming up with solutions to the present malaise. These solutions will be part of the Liberals' platform in the next election.

They've run into one hitch: the weather. On Tuesday night, Glass,

McGuire, Skipworth and association director Doug Brohman gathered at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, prepared to host a public discussion on the economy. Outside it was snowing heavily. The only other people to attend were the editors of the two Highlands newspapers.

"It's not easy, as tonight proves, to get more public input," McGuire said. But he's determined to continue with the public process. "If it takes a while for people to catch on and if we have to suffer the indignity" of no one showing up, the association will at least prove it is determined to listen to the public's viewpoints.

After the Meech Lake Accord debacle, "a lot of people wanted

the opportunity to speak their mind. If everything seems to be secretive they feel shut out and there's some sinister mechanisms at play."

On Tuesday night people were supposed to have some input into Liberal policies. Looking around the empty room, Skipworth said "people want to bitch but they don't want the work."

Glass says perhaps the constant discussion on the constitution has dulled the public's interest in more debate. People are more worried about their jobs than they are any wrangling about distinct society and senate reform. "Maybe information overload is an appropriate feeling — we've been talking about the constitution forever."

There are positive signs that the economy is starting to pick up again, the Lindsay lawyer added. "We have a tendency, maybe because we live next door to a big power, that we have to compare ourselves to America," Glass said. Written beside an article in the *Globe and Mail* about Canada's

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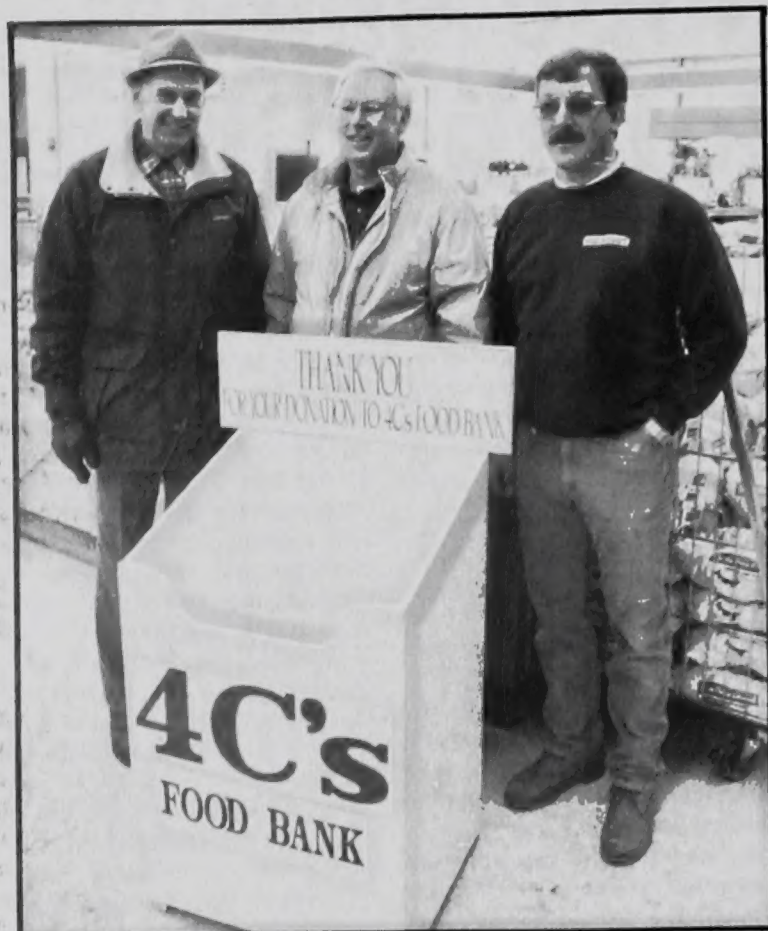
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READY TO HELP: At the 4Cs food bank, demand continues throughout the year, so donations are also appreciated long after the Christmas spirit of giving subsides. To make it easier for people to donate dry foodstuffs, Ron Owens, centre, built two donation boxes, which he and Bob Thompson, left, dropped off at Mike Easton's ValuMart, as well as the IGA.

Giving to the needy now easier year-round

To remind people that the need for donations continues throughout the year, the 4Cs has placed a permanent drop off box at each of the Haliburton grocery stores.

"We're having to buy groceries now because the demand is more than twice what it was last year at the same time," says Bob Thompson, a volunteer for the Haliburton-based organization, which as part of its services, operates the village's year-round food bank.

Previously, donation boxes at Easton's ValuMart and the Haliburton IGA were wrapped in Christmas paper to reflect the holiday's spirit of giving. Mike Easton then suggested that the 4Cs put in

permanent donation boxes, into which people can put a few extra groceries during their visit to the store.

Thompson mentioned the idea to Ron Owens one Sunday at church. A few weeks later, Thompson and Owens were delivering the boxes to the stores.

The 4Cs is in the Drag River Municipal Building, across from Emmerson Lumber, and accessible through the Lily Ann clothes depot (where people can find clean second-hand clothing for \$1 a bag.) Food donations of non-perishable items, as well as cash to support the food voucher program, are always gratefully received.

Roads, Hyland Crest, welfare county's top priorities: Dysart

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Monday, February 10 Dysart et al council meeting.

CAS support

The Children's Aid Society must have precedence over other children's agencies in the county, says Reeve Chris Hodgson, reacting to last week's news that the CAS plans to close its Haliburton office. Before the decision — which Dysart is trying to reverse — the municipality had offered the CAS "a generous rent package" but received no reaction. "In a serious situation, it's better to identify problems at an earlier stage," Hodgson said of the children's agency's important role.

County budget

The county should open up its budget procedure to the public, Hodgson says, because "it's the public's money, it's not (council's) money." On February 19, the management will vote on whether endorse the opportunity for public consultation, the lack of which has been criticized in the past.

Hodgson is also going to be quite adamant about where the county's budget priorities should be. "My own preference is to stick to the roads, Hyland Crest and welfare," which are the main services under the county's jurisdiction. The social services budget is expected to

rise \$225,000 from last year's high of \$408,000, but Hodgson doesn't want it to come down to a debate over welfare versus roads. He says welfare costs can be covered while at the same time dedicating more funds to road improvements. "What better economic development is there than creating a better infrastructure?" An enhanced roads system not only makes it easier for visitors to get to the Highlands, but it also provides much needed jobs in various sectors, such as trucking and blasting.

But he doesn't want to see higher taxation as the cost of improving services. "If you want to move up here and you're on a fixed income, you want to know there's (tax) stability," he said of his aversion to raising taxes instead of cutting programs. "There are no new revenues so you have to look at expenditures."

Hotdog stands

Mobile concession stands can not put existing businesses at risk, council said in response to Gord McWalters' proposal to operate three hotdog stands in Haliburton Village during the summer. In the past, Councillor Lloyd Leadbeater said, council has "been concerned someone would set up on property owned by the community and not be subjected to the same restrictions and taxes as restaurants. We thought we should generate on a level playing field."

McWalters will be invited to address council at the next meeting. Present by-laws say

concession stands can only be operated on commercial property, and are not allowed in the park.

"You've got to protect the people we're here for," said Councillor Brian Watts, in agreement that permanent businesses need to be able to fairly compete. Councillor Gerry Walker said mobile stands might be used for special occasions.

Taxi rides

The confusion about how much a taxi ride should cost will end when council decides whether to implement a new taxi metering service. Taxi operators Hans Pripp and Basil Boice attended the meeting to share their thoughts on a new system which would set a suggested \$2.40 flat rate and minimum \$1 per kilometre rate. (There was no representative from Erik's Taxi.)

"We want service competition based on quality of service rather than cost," Hodgson said. If approved, all taxis would be obliged to install meters and owners could not offer rates below the set minimums. They can increase their price for improved services.

At first, Boice was against the idea. Meters cost \$500 each "and are more trouble than they're worth," especially since the closest repair shop was in Leaside. Pripp, however, has had very few problems with them in the past and agrees a change is needed. "It should be a proper system," Pripp said.

"Everyone now thinks it's a joke, and there's no policing," Boice then said "I'll agree as long as it's the same rate for everyone."

Haliburton Lake

Negotiations are underway to move the recycling bins next door to the Haliburton Lake community centre, said Councillor Robert Heinze. Before the blue bins could be installed, a few trees would have to be removed, including a white pine Heinze said was as wide as the council table. This raised Hodgson's eyebrows, but the reeve was assured the tree was dead.

Severances

Severances are not just a "come-by-chance way to cut land up," says Hodgson, introducing a motion which would send a message to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that Dysart does not think plans of subdivision are always necessary when new lots are being created. "Good development can arise out of severances."

When new lots are created by plan of subdivision, the process can take years because it brings in various provincial ministries and is a much more detailed procedure. This adds greatly to the developer's costs. In many cases, Dysart feels the public's needs and concerns are still being addressed in the shorter severance procedures, especially since the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources are always asked for comment.

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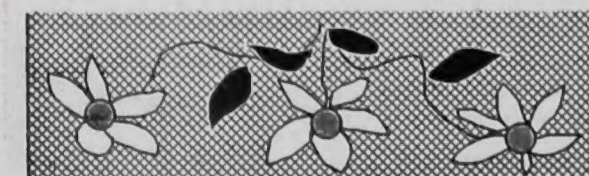
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DISCUSSING THE ISSUES: With a snow storm outside, the federal Conservative party was taking the heat from representatives of the federal Victoria/Haliburton Liberal Association who gathered at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery to discuss economic issues. Although the public was invited, only association Vice-president Guy Skipworth, President Joe McGuire, former candidate Bruce Glass (all seated) and director Doug Brohm showed up.

Could Americans be lured back to Highlands by lower taxes?

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true strength as an industrial nation, McGuire had "Let's blow our own horn!"

Skipworth attended the recent Cottage Show in Pickering and said the largest display was by a Minden builder. Crowds of people were stopping by the real estate booths. "At least (local businesses) are promoting themselves to see if the economy can be turned around."

There need to be more incentives to encourage tourism, the representatives add. If the Canadian dollar was lower, it would slow down cross-border shopping and bring back retail business to Canada. A lower tax, or tax breaks for tourist, would also encourage Americans to once again visit places such as the Highlands. "We've got to get the American tourists back," Brohm says.

Shopping at home needs to be encouraged as well. McGuire says he was talking to a school principal, whom he estimates is paid roughly \$60,000 through public taxation, and she did most of her shopping in Buffalo. When asked

why, "she said because taxes are too high here!"

"It's pretty sad when people sell their quality of life to save \$5 on socks," Skipworth said. (Business taxes contribute to governments' ability to provide such things as universal health care, education and social security.)

Canada also has to get tougher with America over contraventions in the Free Trade Agreement, a policy which the Liberals fought against in the last election. While they are not recommending enacting the provision to end the deal, the local representatives said changes must be made.

"Right now the system isn't running fairly," says Skipworth. "The Americans aren't following their own rules. We have to get tough with them. It's a good idea (the federal government) screwed up."

"What you hear is people are afraid of Free Trade and fear the way Americans are going through negotiations (when there's a disagreement)," Glass says. "America never gave up the opportunity for countervail duties.

They got a pretty good deal out of Free Trade but if they don't get their own way, they'll still come in with a countervail duty."

He used the example of Canadian pork and lumber exports to the United States. The US says Canada subsidizes its producers and therefore imposes a duty, which makes it easier for American producers to compete.

Neither Glass nor McGuire think Canada should pull out of the agreement. Perhaps Canada will have to rely more on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to settle disputes. Ending the agreement now "would be like closing the door after the horses got out," says McGuire, who believes there would be a detrimental economical impact as American companies pull out of Canada.

Maybe the Conservatives introduced the GST because they knew the Free Trade Agreement was going to "blow manufacturing out of Ontario. So they said 'Where else are we going to get revenue?' That's a sinister view but I think it's a realist one."

New bathing facilities improve residents' life

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Hyland Crest is taking another step forward in its quest to provide the best care to its residents.

While contractors pour over the tenders, a public fundraising campaign has begun to build new bathing facilities at the county-owned senior citizens home.

"We've got approval for a small expansion solely for improving the bathing facilities," says Administrator Rheta Jones, not wanting people to confuse this expansion with the possible addition of new beds under the province's long-term healthcare strategies.

"In one room there will be a new bath tub, shower and washrooms. Adjacent to that and in the same expansion will be two more toilets and a storage room for commodes. There will also be a new soiled utility room — all of which we haven't got and desperately need."

When Hyland Crest was built 25 years ago, it was very modern. But as the building has aged, so too have the residents. The original bathing facilities were built for residents who could step in and out of the tub. A lift was later added, but bathing residents was still hard for the staff because the tub re-

porch would give them a pleasant sitting room.

The exact cost won't be known until the successful tender is awarded, which should be by mid-March. But with the help of a \$1,000 donation from the home's Women's Auxiliary, the fundraising campaign has begun.

'It's absolutely essential we do this'

Rheta Jones

mained on floor level. Many staff back problems were the result.

The new tub, which will cost \$15,000 plus taxes, can be elevated and lowered, making it much easier for staff. The improved facilities "are for the dignity of the residents and so we can give them the care they deserve," says Mrs. Jones. "It's absolutely essential we do this."

In later years, she would like to make even more use of the addition by putting a screened-in porch atop it. "Residents like to be out front where the action is," and the

The home wants to raise \$50,000 for the project. Friday night's fun auction will also help this worthwhile effort. Residents, their families, staff and local businesspeople have donated items which will be auctioned off following the Valentine's Supper. A quilt is also being raffled, with more projects planned.

The rest of the funding is being provided by the provincial government. The funding was announced last year, as an adjunct to the \$2.3-million promised to build up to 30 long-term care beds.

ANSWERING THE CALL



COMMUNITY CASH: Bell Canada's Haliburton Installation and Repair Manager Maurice McKee presents Haliburton Hospital Administrator Marlene Taylor with a cheque for \$1,000. Raised by Bell Canada's 15

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Semesters help older students

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he favours semesters but noted that it would have an adverse effect on sports programs because students could not afford to miss as many classes as they can now.

"The students will simply have to choose," he said. "They won't be able to play three or four different sports and will have to try to plan their schedule around the sports they choose."

The school's football teams, for example, play primarily in the afternoon and would miss many class hours. If a player needed

'Kids will learn they have to make choices'

Lloyd Griffiths

seven credits for the year, he could register for four courses in the spring semester and only three for the fall semester to free up more time for football.

Players who play football, ice hockey and track and field may not be able to compete in all three under the semestered format, Brohman said.

Education Committee Chairman Lloyd Griffiths, a retired teacher and principal who has taught at both semestered and non-semestered schools, said he really can't think of any disadvantages to having a semestered system.

"The issue with the sports teams may also be another advantage," he said, "because kids will learn that they have to make choices."

He, too, believes that the proposed system would encourage more students to complete their diplomas because it would be easier.

"It's quite obvious, really, because it would only take a half year to get a credit instead of a full one," he said.

Several people at Tuesday's committee meeting said they've heard only good things from students about semestering, including Griffiths, Deputy Board Chairman Wally Bunn, Superintendent Dale Robinson and Director Brad Saunders.

"In my mind, the advantages clearly outweigh the disadvantages," Saunders said. "Students can use it to their advantage because they could plan to take four credits one semester and three the next depending on what they need and what else they're involved in."

Robinson said that where circumstances allow, students have even moved from non-semestered schools to semestered ones. He said concerns such as the longer gaps that will be created between taking one level of French to the next are not major problems.

Some people have argued that it may not be educationally sound to take a subject like French for five months and then not take it again for another seven months.

But both Griffiths and Robinson said they believe that teaching subjects in a more concentrated manner (110 hours in five months as opposed to ten months) is more effective.

The board considered changing the high school to a semestered system 10 years ago but didn't because there was no clear advantage then.

"But since then, the curriculum has changed significantly," Robinson said in an interview. "We now have a credit system and the Ministry of Education recently increased the required credits for a diploma from 27 to 30 and semestering will make it easier for our students to get them."

To get an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students must successfully complete 30 110-hour courses including 16 that are compulsory. Students who wish to go to university must also complete six Ontario Academic Courses, which could be included in their 30 credits.

At the meeting, Forgrave said semestering would be a challenge for the teachers, who will have to develop new techniques to deal with the longer periods. He said the necessary staff development will take about a year, which is why he doesn't want to begin semestering until the beginning of the 1993-94 school year.



TYPING RIGHT: School Board Chairperson Nancy Stinson tries out one of the *Type-right* machines that will be used to teach Grade 3s how to keyboard properly if the board passes a recommendation later this month.

Stedman changeover should lower prices

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

The sale of Stedman's parent company to a giant U.S. hardware store chain will not affect the county's two outlets in Haliburton and Minden.

Last month, a Manitoba court approved the sale of the financially-troubled Macleod-Stedman Inc. to Cotter & Co., the largest American hardware wholesaler, based in Chicago.

"We'll have the same Canadian suppliers and will buy the same goods from the new company that we bought from the old one," says Vince Connaughan, owner of the Stedman department stores in Haliburton and Minden. "All that we have is a new Chief Executive Officer and if there hadn't been news about the company going into receivership, the consumer would never have known about the sale at all."

The only difference that the consumer might see is lower prices. The Stedman stores and Macleod hardware stores in Canada are owned by independent Canadian retailers who buy their goods primarily from Canadian suppliers. As a result of the sale, these retailers will become members of a subsidiary of Cotter & Co. called the Cotter Canada Hardware and Variety

Get them while they're young:

School board wants young students to learn keyboarding

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Hunting and pecking will become a thing of the past for Haliburton County's students if the school board approves a recommendation by its Education Committee to implement a keyboarding program for Grade 3s in September.

The program, which uses portable *Type-right* practice machines, would enable students to develop proper keyboarding skills and to use actual computers more effectively when they get to higher grades.

"If you don't know how to keyboard, you can't do a lot of things," Gooderham Elementary School Principal Ruth Lewis, a member of a committee of teachers who studied the program, said at last Tuesday's Education Committee meeting. "It is becoming more and more of an essential skill and I know if I could type, I could get things accomplished that I now have to wait to have a secretary do."

The committee of teachers highly recommended the machines, which are essentially computer keyboards with a small screen built in. They are battery-operated and also have programs to teach keyboarding skills and games that serve as rewards for learning lessons.

"Computers are an important but expensive resource," Lewis

said, "and we could use them more efficiently if students knew how to type."

She said the program would prevent elementary school students from developing bad keyboarding habits that can't be corrected in secondary school and would also enhance other skills because students wouldn't have to concentrate on the actual keyboarding as much.

Superintendent Dale Robinson said the board would need 200 machines to teach the 197 students currently in Grade 3. The machines cost about \$65 each (not including batteries, tax and shipping).

Keyboarding would be part of the language arts program and students would work on the machines for 40 minutes a day for the first three weeks to get started and 40 minutes two or three times a week after that. The program would be extended for Grades 4 and 5 in September, 1993 to ensure that the students maintain the skills they've learned. There are currently four levels of keyboarding taught in Grades 6 to 9.

The goal for the students would be to type 30 words per minute with 80-per cent accuracy after two or three years.

Education Committee Chairman Lloyd Griffiths said he feels the program would be very sound educationally and Dysart Trustee Len Salvatori said such a program should have been started a long time ago.

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Golf courses now get the feminine touch

by MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO that women were as welcome on golf courses as they used to be on sailing ships. In short, no women allowed.

Today, the number of women who golf almost equals that of men. But there's one area of golf course where women are still endeavouring to make inroads — the greenskeeper's office.

"More and more women are getting into it because, why not?" says Jim Elstone, who has just finished teaching an apprenticeship and advanced horticulturalist/greenskeeper course for Sir Sandford Fleming College. A few years ago, he reluctantly hired his first woman helper, Brenda Petrow (who now owns Country Rose and Shrub), but his hesitation soon turned into whole-hearted endorsement.

"Fewer women are colour blind and turf, like the human being, let's you know when it's sick, and you should be able to discern that by its colour. Also, in general, my experience is women tend to be a little neater in their work habits. The ladies will stoop to pick up the piece of paper the guy walks past. And I've found women, when it comes to equipment, don't tinker around with it — they let the mechanic fix it. They also tend to keep equipment clean and it away when they're finished.

"Why not hire women as long as they are capable of doing the same quality and quantity of work?"

"More women are realizing, hey, it's all right (to chose greenskeeping as a career)," says Teresa Van Belois, one of the two women in the eight-person upgrading course. (There were 13 people in the apprenticeship program.) "Men thought women couldn't handle it because it can be labour intensive with long hours."

A greenskeeper can be pulling out weeds one minute and hauling 20 bags of peat moss in a wheelbarrow the next. Or perhaps there's a tree that needs to be moved, or rocks strategically placed. Van Belois has never had problems with the lifting, not because she's overly muscular, but because she loves her outdoors job and is willing to pay the price. "You have to enjoy doing it or you're not going to stick with it."

However, she admits that she's able to dedicate herself to her dream because she's single. Women may have come a long way, but there are few male



Jim Elstone teaches Teresa Van Belois about proper plant management

mates who are sympathetic when a greenskeeping spouse has to get up before the sun rises and doesn't get home from work until after it sets.

From the first of April to the first of November, it's almost as if a groundskeeper is married to the golf course, gently nurturing the thousands of children which were planted in the spring. "You have to put a year's worth of work into eight months. There is no social life," Van Belois says dryly.

But there is intense satisfaction.

"I get a lot of gratification from what I can achieve," she says. When the snow melts, there's nothing but a wide expanse of brown, dead grass.

By this time, the greenskeeper has already designed the landscaping, and drawn up a detailed schedule because with Canada's short summer season, once the grass starts growing, there's no time to think about what to do next. You just do. The first golfers might turn a blind eye to the initial bleakness, but by the time June arrives, they're sending golf balls over the flowering gardens, past the gravel path, and (it's hoped) onto the incredibly smooth, green carpet of the tee. While the golfer is critiquing his shot, Van Belois can look out at the course and say "Hey, look what's there. It wouldn't be there if it wasn't for me."

"It's not just a matter of planting grass seed,

adding water and cutting," says Elstone. A well-kept golf course will remain green and healthy even after 33,000 pairs of feet trample over the grassy knolls. "Try doing that in your back yard."

Elstone's course — in its second year and counting — takes an in-depth look at all aspects of greenskeeping and horticulture. As his student says "you get out from the course what you put in — you can't learn without asking questions and getting involved."

Many greenskeepers are laid off in the fall, and there's not much demand for horticultural workers when the snow falls, so winter unemployment is almost a given. With the course, offered by Sir Sandford Fleming College as long as demand warrants, the students get either a training allowance or Unemployment Insurance benefits, plus a travel and living allowance. (Van Belois is based in Bobcaygeon, where she works at the Egan Ridge Golf Course, but during the course has been renting in West Guilford.)

For those who think golf course maintenance asks a heavy cost to the environment, both Van Belois and Elstone say people would be surprised at how "green" golf courses really are.

"We have a great interest in what's going on environmentally, not only for the plant, but for the environment," says Elstone. "The largest users of pesticides are home gardeners. The average home gardener buys enough pesticide to treat their lawns three and a half times a year. There isn't a golf course in the province that could afford that. Pesticides are probably one of the smallest portions of a greenskeeper's budget. Labour is the biggest — and then getting better equipment so you don't need as much labour. But then you need equipment maintenance."

Greenskeepers have a vested interest in the golf course's natural health, as well as its financial health. Golfers want purely green turfs, which in the future, may not be possible as there is growing awareness of the environmental costs of such aesthetics.

Alternatives must be found, such as proper irrigation. Then there's the old fashioned method: getting down on your hands and knees and pulling up the unwelcome weeds.

Greenskeepers can spend their lives on the course and still not know half there is to learn, teacher and student agree. But with Sir Sandford's course, a future generation of horticulturalists and groundskeepers are definitely taking steps to narrowing the gap between ignorance and wisdom.

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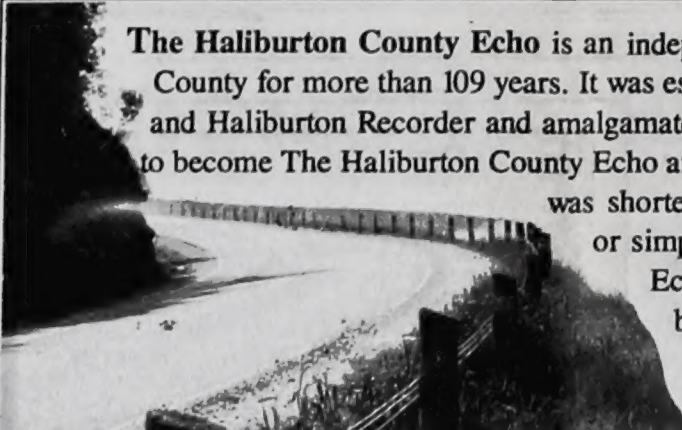


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EDITORIAL

Keep them small

When people decide to live in the Highlands, it's often the lifestyle which attracts them here. It's a place where community still means something, and a sense of togetherness is palpable. We have all the problems cities have, but we also have the strengths which help us to overcome them, strengths which make people want to raise their children in a small town atmosphere. And they want their schools to reflect these values. If parents thought large schools provided the best learning atmosphere, they would have opted for the city schools' swimming pools and extensive gym facilities and hairdressing classrooms. Those perks were willingly given up, to be replaced by the closeness which can develop between teacher and student. Education in small schools can more easily become a personal bond, when problems are more quickly identified and addressed and children have a sense of belonging to a school community.

Yet the Haliburton County Board of Education seems determined to "cityfy" the Highlands, as if what we already have is somehow inferior. Gradually, the trend has been to centralize the school system, collecting all the students in one location, where it's easier for the administrators but not necessarily better for the children's education. The argument is "Kids cope in the large schools in the city so why not here." But is education about coping? And "here" is definitely not the city.

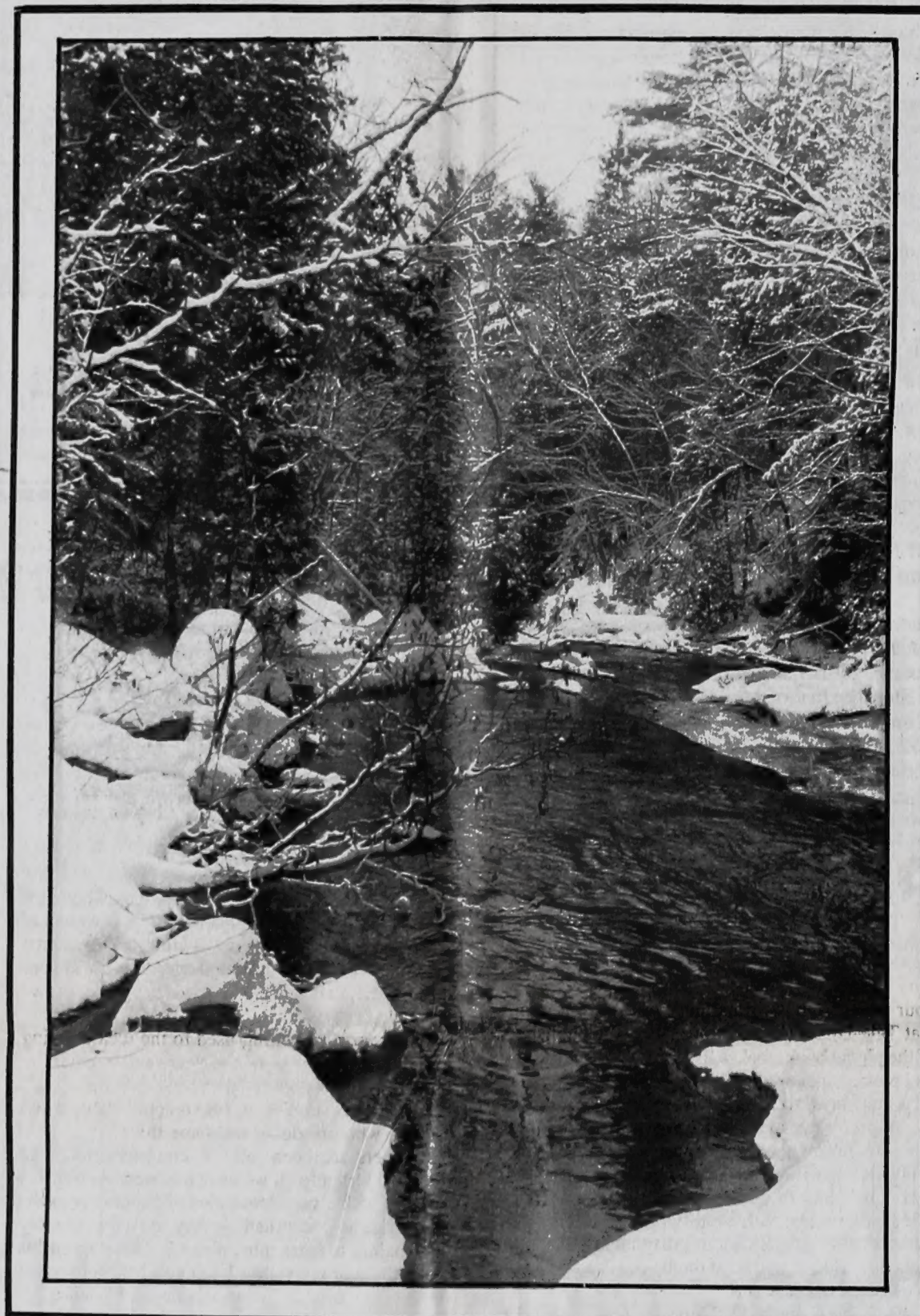
The junior high school is a case in point. The director of education, Brad Saunders, says that with good teachers, putting Grade 7, 8 and 9 students alone in the same school best suits their intellectual and physiological needs. Besides that, Archie Stouffer Elementary School is bursting at the seams, Victoria Street School is antiquated and the high school will need an addition in a few years anyway. What makes more sense than ending Archie Stouffer at Grade 6, and moving Victoria Street into a new school adjacent to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, which would become the junior high school for all county students because it already has superior technical and gym facilities? From the outside, it's not clear which came first: the enrollment numbers needed to justify Mr. Saunderson's plan; or Mr. Saunderson's plan, into which the numbers conveniently fit. Until his arrival in September, no one had even thought of having a junior high school, and public meetings notwithstanding — especially since people were rudely told the meeting would end at nine whether there were more questions or not — there's been very little input from the actual users of the schools: teachers, students and parents.

Unfortunately, the debate has strayed away from the merits of the junior school and become one more chapter in the continuing saga of Minden versus Haliburton. If the infighting continues, the board will be able to say "See, the same old silly arguments" and disregard such emotional reactions.

To complement the Highlands way of life, and the Highlanders' own desires, what makes better community sense is to build a proper primary school in Minden. Archie Stouffer has become massive, and it's experiencing some of the problems that go along with that. A new primary school would also be built in Haliburton. It would need a distinct physical structure and administration, since J. Douglas Hodgson was built with mini-adults in mind, not five-year-olds. At the high school, perhaps an addition would take care of the bulge of students coming up through the system. And what are we're going to do with all this extra space once the bulge passes through? Shouldn't the eventual redundancy of all those extra classrooms be figured into the cost, which the board is going to say is the biggest argument against the small school plan? With today's economy, school boards are going to have to fight for every provincial grant; this way, they'd have the community fighting with them, not against them as is now happening.

M.P.

COMMENTS



A Highlands winter

Photo by Len Pizze

Logo captures county's essence

TO THE EDITOR

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

No doubt the next thing we will hear from the media will be "Coats of Arms for Canada and the Provinces have to be updated".

It was shocking to read in the *Echo* that it has been suggested that a new Logo should be designed for

the Haliburton County Board of Education.

The schools in our area are in one of the most beautiful areas in Ontario. Do any of the newcomers realize that the present logo represents the clear sky, stately trees, foundation rocks and soil, unpolluted waters and above it all the Lamp of Learning. Doesn't that mean education?

To represent the Board of Education using a crest with one letter from the alphabet and a comic character climbing up the side is not only insulting but also very degrading.

Margaret Finlay,
Tory Hill.

Children's concert fun for all

To the Editor:

Never in my 12 years of performing have I come across more flattering articles than the ones you have written about me for the *Echo*. You have a great way of capturing the essence of what I do to the point that even I understand more clearly the impact that I have on my young audiences!

So often in my shows I am moving swiftly from one moment to another, aware of the communication for only a flash. You brought it home to me. Sometimes I wish I would stand outside myself to observe and learn. You did that for me in your reports.

Many thanks. I will certainly be including your work in my press package. All the best with your work in reporting the arts events to your community.

By the way I also owe a hearty thanks to the many volunteers who make this series such a great success. I am witness to the growth in popularity of this children's series, since I performed for the community about four years ago. And believe me the audience made the show special too. They willingly took part by singing, clapping and playing along — everyone from five to 50!

Deborah Dunleavy,
Kid Glove Productions.

Muskoka Recycling Association the big boss

To the Editor:

I enjoyed your recent article "Garbage Etiquette Starting to Spread".

Just one minor correction: Muskoka Containerized Services Ltd. does not charge \$55.00 per tonne . . . \$45.00 per tonne for cans.

We supply the containers and haulage services. However, the materials are accepted and paid/charged for by the Muskoka Recycling Association, which is a municipally-owned entity.

We operate the M.R.A. under a management contract supervised by the M.R.A.'s Board of Directors thus, possibly, creating some confusion regarding material payments/charges.

You point out that it is important to be aware of what we are doing with our waste. Echoing Chris Hodgson's comments I can assure you that it is cheaper (or more cost effective) to pay for recycling endeavours than it is for new landfill sites.

Donald G. Coates,
MCS, Bracebridge.

FEIR PLAY

CREIGHTON FEIR

HADDEN GILLESPIE of the 4Cs at Haliburton was the guest speaker when the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen held their monthly meeting and communion service at St. George's Anglican Church on Sunday morning. He opened his talk by explaining how the 4Cs got started in this area and stated that a great deal of credit should go to Gary Burk and the Rev. John Smith. He went on to give a run down of the churches that are involved in the organization and told the group that 4C's stands for Community Christian Concern Centre. The speaker told of the many people who are in need in the community, now being helped in many different ways. In the past year over \$14,000 has been donated to the 4Cs and \$13,000 has gone out in food, accommodation and in other matters related to those in need. In this recession it's not a matter of just helping the needy during the Christmas season. The demand now is year round.

More than 200 of the best skaters from the region will be in Haliburton this coming Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16 when the Haliburton Figure Skating Club will play host to the Kawartha Highlands Interclub Figure Skating Competitions. The general public are invited to attend and it will all get under way on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and will go right up until 9 p.m. on Saturday night. On Sunday it will be on from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Cross Country Ski Tour which will take off from the caboose on Head Lake at Haliburton on Saturday, February 15 will be one of the main highlights of this year's Haliburton Winter Carnival. There will be 8km, 6km and 2km events that will start and finish in Haliburton village near the caboose. The course loops around Glebe Park and back into town. During the summer and fall of 1991, the Glebe Park trails were widened and bulldozed. Excellent skiing is expected if the weather cooperates. The course will be groomed for both skating and classic techniques. Registration will take place at the caboose from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. All skiers will receive a participation award at registration. The awards will be presented at the caboose at 2:00 p.m. For more information call Blake Paton 457-5177.

If you are from out of town and planning on attending the Minden Sled Dog Derby this coming weekend, here are a few things that should be of interest to you. "Drifter", the race mascot, will be on the main street to greet visitors. You will have the opportunity to see a demonstration (and a chance to try) Scandinavian kick-sledging. Refreshments will be available at Main Street and Highway 35 restaurants. You will also have the opportunity to listen to "Catch The Drift", a song written and recorded by local musicians.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce announced recently that the following committees have or are in the process of being formed: Marketing, Fund Raising and Promotion, Algonquin Park Building, Membership, Volunteer, Public Relations, Budget and Government Affairs.

The month of February is Heart and Stroke month and the Foundation plans to raise over \$30 million this year, which will be mainly used to fund research and education programs. Here in Haliburton County the local organization is asking you to help save lives and become a volunteer. Fundraising is the primary goal this month of February and we hope everyone will dig down deep and give to this worthwhile cause.

The regular schedule of the High School Hockey League comes to an end Tuesday, February 11 then the H.H.S.S. Redmen take to the ice in Peterborough at 3:45 p.m. to face off against Adam Scott. The playoffs will soon be underway.

Here, there and everywhere . . . Joe Banks of the Glengary News was a visitor to his home here over the past weekend . . . Bill and Freda Davis attended the Color Your World Convention held at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto over the past weekend . . . Miss Joyce Williams of Toronto and a former teacher at the Haliburton High School, visited with friends in the village of Haliburton last week . . . Rolly and Dot LeTourneau of Haliburton have returned home following a two week vacation in Palm Springs . . . The Minden Times will be short three employees for the next few weeks as Susan Grober, Autumn Davis and Susan Beers are vacationing in England . . . Just a reminder to turn on your outside Christmas lights when the Haliburton Winter Carnival is in progress this coming weekend . . . You can top off this busy weekend on Sunday by attending "The Wedding of a Lifetime" presented by Sandra Stevens Bridal Consultant and Bonnie View Inn from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bonnie View Inn. Fashion show to begin at 1 p.m.

School never easy for teens



THROUGH THE PERISCOPE

MARTHA PERKINS

OPINIONS ARE LARGELY FORMED by personal experience. My negative opinions about what schools the board of education is planning to build were formed when I was just a child.

For my elementary school years, graduating meant moving the entire classroom down the hall to the next classroom in the two-storey, red-brick school. Year after year the faces in the class pictures are the same, only each year they are a slight bit older.

By Grade 6, you had most of your school relationships sorted out. You knew where you stood in the social and scholastic order and for the most part, you were comfortable with that. How much easier it is to deal with the familiar than the unknown, especially at an age where so much is unknown.

In Grade 7, I and all the other Grade 7 and 8 students in the town (except those at the Catholic school) were put together in one school. There were the faces you recognized, but also dozens of others you didn't. Your social world was thrown upside down, and the security of elementary school was replaced by chaos. It was the beginning of the end of my love for school.

Perhaps I would have hated Grades 7 and 8 anyway — you're at a horrible age no matter where you spend it. But if being a young teenager is horrible for the teenager, it's even worse for the teachers. I remember teachers who were more concerned about keeping discipline and their tempers than they were about imparting any knowledge. Teacher burnout was incredibly high and it showed, although the fault was not theirs.

How many adults would like to spend 180 days a year in a school full of 13 and 14-year-olds?

An adult can argue that by 13, a teenager needs to be exposed to a wider peer group and a setting more like a high school. That's what an adult, the complexities of puberty dismissed as childish, can say. But 13-year-olds are already barraged by a multitude of very real changes within themselves, and the change in schools only complicated matters. As well, you didn't have any of those kindergarten students to keep you humble and remind you of your tiny beginnings.

There's no doubt that as elementary school students we would have been better served by a more modern building. The "gym" was a low, cement-ceilinged room in the basement and therefore physical education was never much of a priority. And perhaps I liked the structured setting because it suited my abilities and personality. Unlike others, I won't say my "way" of school is the only way — because I've now experienced Victoria Street School. When I visit, I don't want to leave, because it is thriving with energy, enthusiasm, and an excitement about learning. In looks, it's a lot like my old school, but it personality, it's much more dynamic.

But Victoria Street can be what it is precisely because it is small, fostering a community environment. The children know each other, and their place in the world. If a Grade 2 teacher notices Johnnie is having trouble with a skill, she can step across the hall and ask his Grade 1 teacher if she noticed the same thing and what she did to accommodate it. Granted, the school deserves to have better gym facilities, but the thought of moving all those sunny children into the gloomy atmosphere of that monolith (undeservingly) called J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School saddens me. It also makes me wonder if the board of education trustees and administrators can remember what it was like when they were children, and what made school the highlight of their young years.

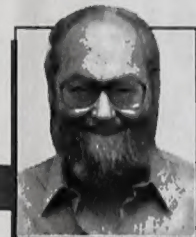


PIC OF THE PAST

Many of our readers will remember when Gerald Leboutillier would cruise up and down the Lake

Kashagawigamog Chain of lakes with his big hand made boat stopping at various lodges along the way. In this photo the boat is tied up beside the dock at Chateau Woodland waiting to pick up a load of passengers. Our thanks to John W. Southcombe of Blanchester, Ohio for submitting this photo.

New gypsies can live cheaply



THE VIEW FROM HERE

HARVEY CLARKE

REGULAR READERS know that, while I try to avoid making this column a travelogue, these days I am my writing on my laptop computer when we stop on our travels in our motorhome, having become part-time gypsies since last fall.

We are sort of getting used to the idea of being away for six months of the year, and needless to say we have met a lot of other couples in our travels through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida who are doing the same thing.

Campers are generally a congenial lot, and although virtually all we have met were Americans — often with a very loose idea of geography as far as Canada is concerned — they are very friendly and anxious to learn more about it. (After five trips to Texas over the years, I can still truthfully say I have yet to meet a Texan who wasn't friendly).

It was somewhat of a surprise, then, to be offered a job as a host at a Texas State Park. One would think that there would be more than enough friendly Texans to fill that role. Apparently not true, as it was proposed to me a number of times.

Basically, you get your campsite free in exchange for keeping track of who comes in after hours, providing information to incoming campers about the camp, where campers can shop nearby, etcetera, and occasionally doing a little light maintenance work like painting signs.

I turned down the offers, because we aren't supposed to earn income in the U.S., and I wasn't sure how such an arrangement would be viewed. I also really didn't want to commit a full month to one park, and I didn't want to feel I couldn't take off for the evening in town if I wanted to.

When we got down to Mustang Island State Park, near Corpus Christi, we had a chance to meet a camp host who was working in their park system, and he

had planned monthly assignments at a series of six campgrounds in various parts of the state.

This couple is an example of the true breed of gypsies that we are finding on the road these days. They have sold their home — for the second time — to live full time in their trailer, taking assignments across America as a way to be independent, see the places they want to see, and supplement his military pension.

A discussion with him made me realize that they certainly weren't the only ones who had adopted their lifestyle. I discovered this when his wife came to consult with him on an application she was preparing on her computer for a position in a northern state for this coming summer.

She gave me a back copy of their "bible" — a little 24-page bimonthly magazine called *Workamper News*. The masthead defines a Workamper as: any person who has chosen a wonderful new lifestyle that combines *working* with full or part-time travel and *RV camping*. (A little hard-sell there, perhaps).

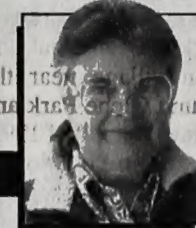
There are a few helpful articles on full-time RVing and about experiences of others who took jobs in unusual places such as Alaska State Parks, but the majority of the magazine's content consists of descriptions of serviced RV sites offered in exchange for services.

Aside from state parks, there are golfing resorts, theme parks, historical replica towns who want crafts people, dude ranches — all kinds of opportunities. Many want people to work three days on, six days off — offer free propane, discounts at company stores. Some even offer uniforms, and will pay cash for any additional work beyond the agreed hours.

For ten bucks, the magazine provides subscribers with a form for outlining a resume of your experience and abilities, plus your choices of where you'd like to work and in what kind of setting. They put it in a referral system where it can be accessed by anyone seeking someone with your skills who want to contact you.

All in all, it looks like an interesting way for someone with enough income to "get by" to exchange skills for a chance to travel and live at a low cost. I don't think it would be for me anymore, but there was a time when I think it would have interested me, and I can see where it would appeal to a lot of people these days...

Getting a grip on junk mail



NORTHERN LIGHTS

VIRGINIA MUENZEL

DID YOU HAPPEN to see *Marketplace* on CBC last week? They had a story on junk mail. It involved a senior citizen who asked that the post office not put junk mail in his mail box. (He had one of those corner boxes.) The post office insisted that all mail must be delivered. Then, because the man kept putting the junk mail in a return box, the post office finally refused to deliver any of his mail. (Isn't that illegal?) They, more or less, held his mail hostage until the man gave in and began accepting the junk mail again.

This whole thing is an exercise of power struggle, greed, and stubbornness. And a classic example of why this country is in such a mess. The employee who dealt with the senior gentleman could have simply offered him the information as to where to write to get his name off the junk mail list. Instead, he chose to play power games. I think the employee should be fired for refusing to deliver important mail. But, you see, the Post Office makes a lot of money delivering that garbage. So what do they care how environmentally wastefully it is. God forbid, the head of the postal system should ever sit down with the Minister of the Environment and work something out.

There was some useful information made available on that program. First, writing "Return to sender" on junk mail doesn't get it sent back unless the returnee agrees to pay the postage. According to *Marketplace*, the thing to do is to send a letter to

Canadian Direct Market, 1 Concord Gate, Suite 607, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 3N6. Ask them to remove your name from their mailing lists. Also, it seems that Tele-Direct (Publications) Inc., the publishers of the phone book, makes lists of names, addresses, and phone numbers printed in Bell Canada's directories available to selected organizations for a fee. If you prefer not to have your name on these lists, you can notify them by writing to: Tele-Direct (Publications) Inc., 55 Town Centre Court, Scarborough, Ontario, M1P 4X5.

It is a nuisance to have to write these letters. It will probably take fifteen to thirty minutes of your busy day. But, if you send them, you'll have saved a few trees from waste.

In a lighter vein . . . thanks, Gisele Probst for mentioning my name. You know, things may be kind of tough for a lot of folks lately, but it still isn't anywhere near as bad as during 'The Great Depression'. (Of course, I'm only going by what I'm told by my dad, and some of my acquaintances.) I remember once visiting my neighbor, Morris (rest his soul) and asking him what on earth he was cooking.

"Why, it's poor man's soup," he said. Then went on to tell me how he made it up during the Depression. "After all," he added, "in those days, you filled your belly any way you could."

The soup smelled wonderful. I asked what was in it. The ingredients were very basic. Water, lots of onions, cut up white bread, salt, pepper, and a big slab of butter.

Not very nutritious, but filling and tasty. They probably grew the onions, and, I believe they had a few cows. Morris's mum no doubt made the bread.

Luckily for us all, things haven't gotten that bad, this time around. With a little ingenuity, and careful shopping along with a garden, people might get some satisfaction out of re-learning some of the old ways of stretching a buck.

Winter works its magic...



DOWN OUR ROAD

SHARON LYNCH

THE MINUTE SHE stepped outside the door, she realized what a beautiful day it was. A clear blue sky, treeline to treeline looked down upon a white landscape diamond-sharp in clarity. Laura took a deep breath, revelling in the clean cold air as her nostrils flared then contracted. The thermometer read minus twenty degrees celsius, but not a branch stirred. Without a wind, this was a comfortably cold day, perfect for doing anything as long as it was outdoors.

The next-door neighbours had come north for a week's holiday and their place was already a hive of activity. They had planned a day's snowmobile outing with friends and their front yard was beginning to resemble the central clearing station of a large snowmobile manufacturer. Black, red, orange and

silver machines, some sleek, some older and more boxy, covered the ground, alternating between a random scattering and more military alignment. Between the sleds, the drivers milled about, discussing their route and making last minute preparations. The excitement in the air was as unmistakable as a blue jay's raucous cry.

As she carried her skis down to the lake, Laura reflected on this love affair so many of her countrymen had every year with 'old man winter'. Those folks who shivered all the way to Florida could not see the attraction. Laura was convinced this lack of vision was partly due to their earlier conditioning. She remembered when she was growing up in damp, windy Toronto, the thought of spending hour after hour outside in the winter was unheard of.

Oh they would ride their new Christmas skis down a few hills at the nearby golf course, or skate with the crowd at the odd outdoor rink. But no one knew of snowmobiles and skiing was something you did in the mountains of Switzerland or western Canada. Winter was a time of hibernation. For those who could afford it, a cruise in warmer climates and for

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Dads and five-year plans



CITY SLICKER

DAVID CARROLL

PINE POINT, KENNISIS LAKE. "It'll be a five-year plan," my father declared, smiling optimistically over the rim of his rootbeer float. This was June of 1972. We were sitting in a corner booth of the Kozy Korner Restaurant, celebrating the acceptance of Dad's offer on a cottage.

"Just wait until you see it!" he babbled. "It needs some work, but if we do a bit of work every summer, it'll be shipshape in no time."

Mom and my brothers cheered but I said nothing. I couldn't even finish my hamburger. My stomach was back on Highway 121, which in those days was a roller coaster.

"Get used to it, Dave," said my Dad. "Kennisis Lake Road isn't much better."

Hence, my first sojourn into the Highlands was decidedly unpleasant. I was six. Mom did her best to preoccupy my disgruntled tummy with a rousing game of UP, DOWN, AROUND (a simple game,

really; just observe the twisting road and call out the appropriate word), but I was in no condition to enjoy myself. "AROUND!" Mom sang as we navigated Milk Truck Curve. "UP!" my brother Andy screeched as Daddy shifted the Rambler into first. Then the grade reversed and the washboarding began and out the window my head did go. "DOOOOWWWNNN!" I gaged, accompanied by Andy's encouraging cheers and Elton John crooning "Rocket Man" on the tiny AM radio.

The car lurched and swung down a narrow gravel road. "This is it!" said my father, when the road came to an end. "Just wait until you see it!" So we all got out on our wobbly knees and struggled down an overgrown path toward the cottage of my father's dreams.

Alas, it was a desiccated shell. A deserted shack resplendent with pop bottles and mouse traps. There were ceilings and studs but precious little else. No walls, no windows, no water, heat or hydro. Just KB board and mosquitoes. The floorboards were rotted and strewn with leaves and pine needles. Even the outhouse lacked walls!

My father, of course, noticed none of these things. He was beaming as though he'd just won the lottery.

"It's a bargain," he said proudly. "With 150 feet of lakefront, it's a steal!"

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HOOKED ON CORBIE: A Wexford Raider forward puts the hook on Minden's Corbie Kent of the Muskoka Bears during an exhibition match between the two Metro Junior A Hockey League teams at the Dysart Arena Friday night. The Raiders spoiled Kent's homecoming by downing the Bears 6-3 in front of a small but enthusiastic crowd.



Not just for boys anymore, girls push for hockey team

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES!
If 11-year-old Ginger Sharp has her way, that's a phrase that will be heard a lot more next year.

Currently a member of Haliburton's Tri-County Atom hockey team, Ginger will have to give up her favorite sport next year because she'll be too small to move up against the bigger boys at the Pee Wee level. Unless...

Unless, that is, her mom, Darlene, and current Pee Wee coach Bill Irvine can drum up enough support for an all-girls hockey team for next season.

"It would be sad for Ginger to have to drop out of hockey next year," Darlene Sharp says, "but I told her she should think about it because boys

other being coach Rick Wood's daughter, Amy, and Sharp says they're treated very well by their teammates.

"Ginger got her first goal last week and the boys went right over to give her a hug — it was wonderful to see," she says.

The girls dress in the women's bathroom and then join the boys in the regular dressing room when they're 'decent.' Haliburton's other female hockey player, Jennifer Cattell of the Tri-County Novice B team, prefers to dress at home.

Playing her third year of ice hockey, the nine-year-old Jennifer said she became interested when she got tired of figure skating.

"Hockey is my favorite sport but I'm getting older now and I'd like to play more with my girlfriends, so I don't think I'll play next year," she says.

But she admits an all-girls team could change her mind.

"I feel there's a need for a girls team ... They should be able to do whatever they choose"

start to put on more weight at her age and I think it'll be too rough for her."

So Ginger said why not start an all-girls team.

"I feel there's a need for a girl's team," Irvine says, "because there's such a division now as to what girls and boys are supposed to do. There's figure skating for girls and hockey for boys, but they should be able to do whatever they choose."

Irvine says his nine-year-old daughter Charlyn, a member of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club, would love to play hockey if there was a girl's team. And so, she says, would lots of her friends.

Irvine and Sharp are proposing a team for girls aged eight to 12 who could play against teams from Minden or Wilberforce or other areas not too far away.

"We're just taking it one step at a time," Irvine says. "We'll see if we can get enough girls for a team here in Haliburton and then we'll go looking for other teams to play."

Women's hockey, in fact, is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada. More and more ladies' leagues are popping up from coast to coast, women are suiting up for Major Junior teams and Canada's National Ladies' team dominates the sport like no other team has.

The Atoms boast two girls on their team, the

Like her two older counterparts, Jennifer says she's just one of the guys — they don't tease her and she doesn't tease them.

Amy's mom, Connie, is also pleased with the way her daughter is treated by her teammates.

"When she plays well or gets an assist, the boys give her high-fives," she says. "They may her feel right at home."

Wood says her daughter isn't interested in playing at all next year but realizes that could change if she has the chance to play on an all-girls team.

Although hockey equipment is expensive, Irvine and Sharp don't think it will be prohibitive because most of the girls who want to play do so because they've got brothers who play. And brothers have gear. They also pointed out that the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association has an equipment day before the beginning of the season where used equipment can be purchased cheaply.

Now there's no excuse. If your daughter wants to play hockey, get some excellent exercise and make life-long friends, Bill Irvine and Darlene Sharp have now provided the opportunity.

Trois-Rivieres had the first woman to play Major Junior hockey, and who knows, Haliburton might just produce the first to play in the NHL.

Three wins in three days put Redmen near title

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Even fatigue can't beat the mighty HHSS Redmen hockey team this year.

After playing Monday and Tuesday nights in Lakefield and Lindsay, the Redmen managed to pull out a 4-3 victory over rival Fenelon Falls on Wednesday night in front of a boisterous crowd at the Dysart Arena.

The Redmen won the other two games as well to stretch their unbeaten record to 13 games and will claim first spot overall if they win today's game in Peterborough against Adam Scott.

Jason Billings' third period wrap-around goal was the difference Wednesday night as the Falcons' physical strategy kept the free-wheeling Redmen off balance throughout the game. The strain of three games in three nights showed as the usually-disciplined Redmen took some bad penalties and the Falcons capitalized with two powerplay goals.

"We got frustrated," Assistant Coach Paul Morissette said. "We rely on skating and moving the puck and they do a lot of hitting, hooking and grabbing. The referee seemed to let a lot go in the game and that really took us off of our game. It was good coaching strategy on their part."

Missing centre Kevin Morissette, who was out with

pneumonia, the Redmen only had one solid scoring line, and Jason Billings, Jamie Dollo and Greg Stamp came through when it mattered.

Fenelon scored first on a long shot that found its way past HHSS goaltender Todd McCracken. A powerplay goal one minute later

Local boys
work hard
in 3-2 win
over Fenelon

put the Falcons up 2-0, but Dollo put the Redmen on the board just ten seconds after Fenelon's goal on a nice pass from Billings to get them back in it.

Jeff Black tied the game with a slapshot from the point and McCracken made a key save on a breakaway moments later to keep it 2-2 after one period.

More bad penalties hurt HHSS and Fenelon went ahead again after scoring with a two-man advantage. Playing two men short, two Redmen defenseman were tied up behind their net and no one was left to help McCracken when the puck squirted out. The obviously tired Redmen had a powerplay nullified by yet another questionable penalty but hung on and Jonathan Bishop

scored his first goal of the season on a nice set-up by Mark Morissette with less than two minutes left in the period to send the teams to the dressing room tied at three.

The team must have got an earful from coach Ron Yake during the intermission because the players showed a lot more discipline in the final period. Billings scored with over 12 minutes left and McCracken came up big after the Redmen coughed up the puck in their zone and kept them in front.

"We rarely give the puck away in the slot like we did in that game and I think it was just because they were tired," Paul Morissette said.

The Redmen beat Fenelon by one goal twice this year, Fenelon won one by a goal and they tied their other game. Along with the Falcons, Lakefield and LCVI needed to win against HHSS last week to beat out I.E. Weldon for a playoff spot. The Redmen had clinched one but only two other teams from the Innis Division will advance to post-season play.

Last Monday in Lakefield, the Redmen came out flying and built a 3-0 lead early in the second before the home team came back to tie it with three goals in three minutes. HHSS seemed to like that idea and scored three more of their own before the middle frame ended to take a 6-3 lead into the third

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FELLING FENELON: The HHSS Redmen moved a step closer to capturing the North Kawartha High School Hockey league regular season championship with a 4-3 comeback win over rival Fenelon Falls last Wednesday night at the Dysart Arena. The league playoffs start next week.

Bantams begin quest for another All-Ontario title

The Ontario Playoffs started on January 26th for the OMHA Bantams when they journeyed to Beaverton for the first game of a best-of-three series. Beaverton had eliminated Fenelon Falls while Haliburton had a bye on the basis of their first-place finish in the regular season. This series would determine the District 11 winner that would advance.

The tempo of the game was very fast and our team seemed determined to control the play from the outset with skating, crisp passing and relentless checking. There was no scoring in the first period as Haliburton failed to connect on several good chances. Mark Stamp scored in the second minute of the second frame after hard work by linemates Jonathan Bishop and Colin Morrison who drew the assists. Kevin Morissette scored twice with assists from brother Mark, Tim Keefer and Andy Billings. The third line of Derek Glen-dinning, Michael Hartwick and Jeff Teatro played well skating strongly, checking closely and

moving the puck well. Their hard work paid off when Derek Glen-dinning scored assisted from Jeff Teatro to make it 4-0. In the third period Haliburton made it 5-0 on a goal by Mark Morissette on a good setup by Tim Keefer. Beaverton got two goals back in the final period before Jonathan Bishop the

Haliburton
advances to the
next round

team captain, closed the scoring assisted by Colin Morrison. Final score was Haliburton 6, Beaverton 2.

The return game was played Tuesday, Jan. 28th at the Dysart Arena. Facing elimination, Beaverton came out skating strong but were soon behind 3-0 as Haliburton continued to play a fast, heads-up brand of hockey. Mark Stamp scored assisted by Derek

Glen-dinning near the end of the first period. Colin Morrison scored assisted by Andy Billings less than a minute later and Mark Stamp opened the second period scoring on a powerful rush down his right-wing side. To their credit, the Beaverton team displayed a lot of grit, never stopped skating and scored twice to briefly make it 3-2. Then the Morissette brothers put the game out of reach as Kevin scored twice with some precision passing plays with Mark. In the third period, goals were exchanged by the two teams with Andy Billings scoring for Haliburton for a final score of 6-3. The defense played well in these two games. Tim Stouffer, Curtis Bain, Andy Billings and Jackie Morrison all moved the puck well and showed good positional sense in their own end.

With the win, Haliburton advance to the next round against Powassan. This series opened in Powassan February 1st. and unfortunately, the teams were not well

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HHSS Nordic skiers have best-ever finish

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

HHSS's Nordic Ski team enjoyed its best results ever at the Kawartha Championships at Glebe Park last Wednesday.

The school's midget girls placed first, second and third in their category and the junior boys earned the school its first ever win in

the team event, led by Grade 10 student Ryan Cummings, who finished second overall.

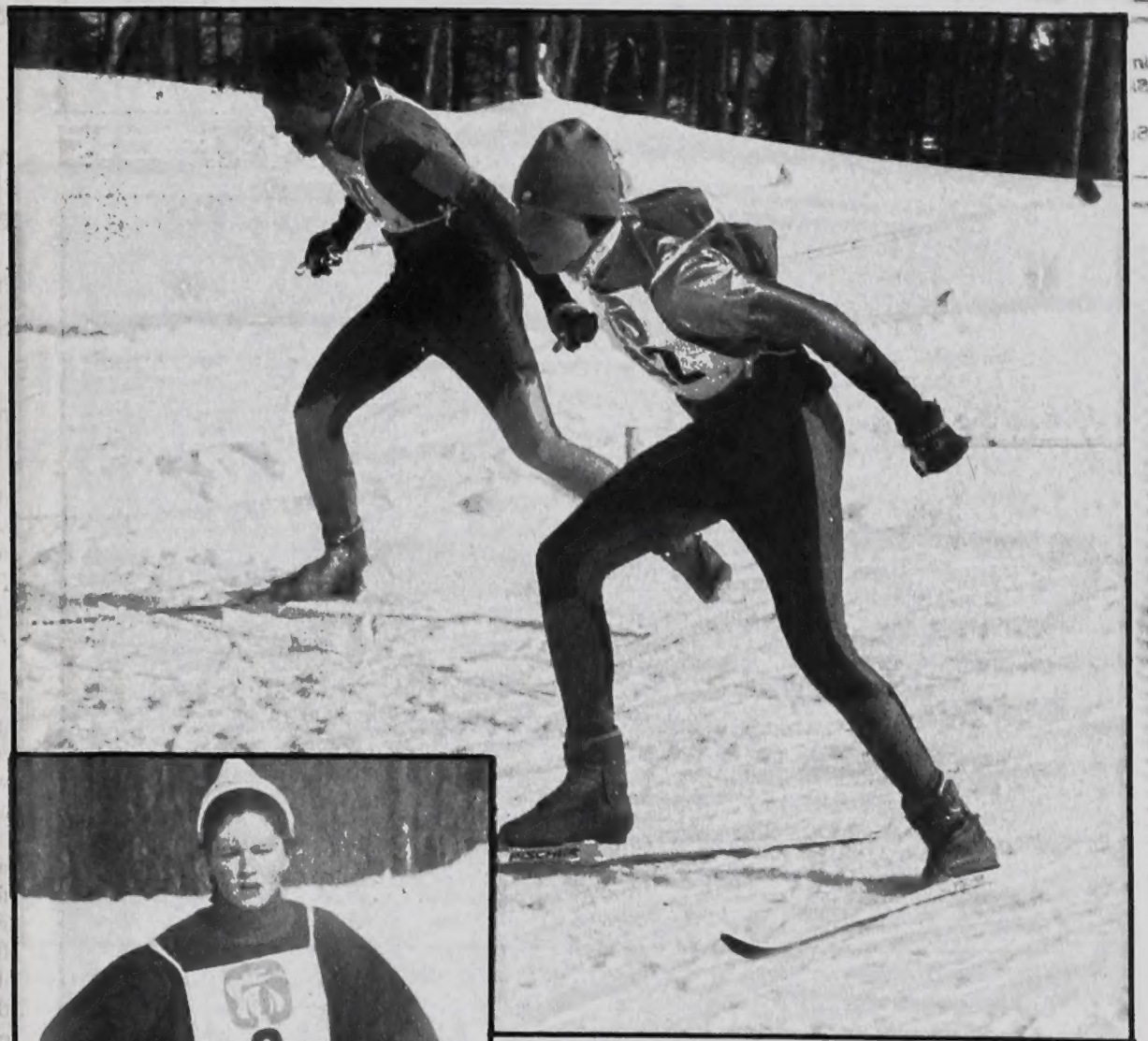
"We're really pleased with the results," said coach Bruce Griffith. "We were hoping our junior boys would win the team event, but you never know what kind of competition you'll have to face."

The team event title is awarded to the school with the best combin-

ed time taken from its top four skiers. Cummings, along with Simon Reid, Jamie McMahon and Chris Crane has the best time over the 4.7-kilometre junior boys (15 years old as of Sept. 1, 1991) course.

Cummings finished one second behind the overall junior boys winner and one second ahead of the

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Above, Ryan Cummings of HHSS skates to the finish, edging out his competitor to finish second overall in the Junior Boys 4.7 km race at last Wednesday's Kawartha championships at Glebe Park in Haliburton. At right, Lisa Ranson skis a downhill section of the course, while at far right, competitors tackle an uphill section

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Midget skiers compete at Kawartha Championships at Glebe Park

Cummings paces HHSS skiers

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third-place finisher and all three will go head-to-head tomorrow at the COSSA championships, which will also be held at Glebe Park.

HHSS's Amanda Woods completed the 3.5-kilometre midget

girls (under 15 years old as of Sept. 1) course ahead of fellow HHSS students Andrea Pawluch and Lisa Ranson. There is no team event in the midget girls' category.

The school's top finisher in the senior boys (over 16) category was Tai Gerrard, who finished 24th out

of 54 skiers competing on a 9.4-kilometre course.

Skiers from Peterborough, Lindsay and the surrounding areas competed last week and all are eligible to compete in tomorrow's COSSA championships against additional skiers from the Bay of Quinte region.

"It's exciting for myself and Sharon (Dibblee, the school's other Nordic skiing coach) to see the younger kids interested at the midget level because they'll be that much better in junior and senior," Griffith said. "We're hoping that the junior boys team will advance to the OFSSA championships."

Ontario's provincial high-school championships are scheduled for February 22 and 23rd near Ottawa at Camp Fortune in Hull, Quebec.

Bantams begin with bang

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matched with the Bantam Huskies clearly the stronger team. After falling briefly behind 2-0, Haliburton dominated the play scoring 16 unanswered goals for a 16-2 win. Goal scorers were Mark Stamp (4), Kevin Morissette (3), Tim Keefer (3), Mark Morissette (3), Colin Morrison (1), Michael Hartwick (1), and Derek Glendinning (1).

The second game was Sunday Feb. 2nd in Haliburton and was equally one sided as the Huskies

won 12-1. The defense scored six of the goals as Andy Billings, Curtis Bain and Jackie Morrison each got two. Other goal scorers were Kevin Morissette (3), Mark Stamp (2), Colin Morrison (1). The third game was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6th in Powassan. With a win, the team would advance to the quarter-finals against an eastern Ontario team.

Hawk spree continues in Wilberforce action

Week eleven of the Oldtimers Hockey League looked like it might be an easy one for the number pushers at 'Stats-Ken' as the first two games were now scoring, but the Haliburton team continued their prolific ways in game three, causing computer overload and possible mainframe meltdown.

Rainbow Auto Glass made it two wins in-a-row as they defeated Bancroft I.G.A. 4-2 in game one. I.G.A. started the scoring in the first on a goal by Norm Easto and Rainbow didn't bet I.G.A. net-minder Louis Gyor until halfway into the second when Grant Bronson and then Pat O'Brien found the net. I.G.A.'s Bill Green replied with just 23 seconds left and the teams went to the third tied at two.

Rainbow outlasted I.G.A. in the third, getting goals from Bruce Fleck and Smurf, who 'Blue' one in with just 1:19 left. Rainbow's winning streak may end on Feb. 13

when they met the highflying Haliburton team at 9 p.m.

Game two was a battle for second place as Bancroft Canadian Tire (with 12 points) took on the Wilberforce Golden Ponders (with 11 points). Canadian Tire opened the scoring in the first as Roger Keller knocked one in but the Ponders' Bill Watson quickly responded to tie it up. The only goal of the second went to C.T.C.'s Chip Watson. Wilber's Ken Ablett evened it up early in the third as both teams played a close checking period.

With just two minutes left, C.T.C.'s Keller got the back-breaker (shorthanded) to make the final 3-2. Canadian Tire's Bob Riddell and the Ponders' Blaine Lewis had strong games in the nets for their respective teams. Canadian Tire takes on Bancroft rival I.G.A. on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The League's Board of Governors convened after last week's

games and instituted a new rule named *The Haliburton Rule*, it states "once Haliburton has achieved 10 goals in one game, their score reverts back to zero." the scoreboard after game three read Haliburton 13, Apsley 3, and by applying the new rule it should have read 3-3 (just kidding Hawks!) The Apsley team spread their scoring out, netting one in each period. In the first it was Bill Sherman, in the second Paul Pilon and to end it, John Grady.

The Hawks also spread out their scoring with six in the first, three in the second and four in the third. Haliburton's Top Gun was Gary Burch with five (that Brett Hull video really paid off), Bob Woodcock and Steve Roberts each had two and singles went to Tom Curry, Rick Wood, Derrell Stamp and Ted Vasey. Apsley gets to try it again Thursday as they take on Wilberforce at 8 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1992, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

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The Plan of Survey 19R-5416 as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan office, Gooderham, Ontario.

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R-A makes it official with short-handed win

THE FAT LADY has sung, dear readers, as Roberts-Austin Fuels clinched the league championship with their 5-2 victory over Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton Men's hockey action Sunday night at the Dysart Arena.

With five weeks left in the schedule, they are 10 points up on second-place Bishop & Wilson but even if the Fuellers lose all of their remaining games and B & W wins theirs, Roberts-Austin

Curry, the first of which opened the scoring midway through the first period. But that only served to ignite the Fuellers, who tied it up in the first, scored three in the second and went up 6-1 eight minutes into the final frame on the strength of two goals a piece from Rick Wood and Andy Salvatori and singles from Mike Rae and Jim Pettes.

Then Currys awoke from their slumber to make a game of it, scoring three in less than two minutes



MINDEN MEET SKATERS: Ten Haliburton Figure Skating Club skaters competed at the Minden Meet To Skate competition held February 1st and 2nd: (front row, left to right) Erin Turner, Laurie Turner, Alicia Sales, Jocelyn Eastmure and Kim Mulholland; (back row) Stephanie Sales, Melissa Forgrave, Jennifer Turner, Nicole Cooper and Thera Simioni.

Haliburton MEN'S HOCKEY League

BY
Mark
Publicover

still has it because of a better head-to-head record.

With their win Sunday, Bishop & Wilson opened a four-point lead between them and a slew of teams vying for third place: only one point separates Haliburton Lumber, Emmerson Lumber, Vasey Insurance, Elstone Motors and Youngdale Fuels. Down by not out, Curry Motors is six points behind the rest of the pack.

Roberts-Austin 5, Emmerson Lumber 2

The Fuellers were down four skaters but made up for it with a potent break-out and superb defense to shut down the explosive Lumber-Sharks.

Tim Davies opened the scoring for Roberts-Austin with a fine lone-effort capped off with a neat shot along the ice that stunned Emmerson goaltender Vince Duchene and the rest of the players on both teams. Yours truly added to the lead with 28 second left in the first period on a nice set up from Dan Ambridge and Hugh Nichol.

Joe Roberts made it 3-0 early in the second, beating a sprawling Duchene with a shot to the upper left-hand corner, but Mike MacNaull put Emmerson very much back in the game with a picture-perfect shot that beat Dave Elstone to his lower right.

The Sharks came out pumped to start the third and made it a one-goal game after just 26 seconds on a goal by Steve Cooper. But that was all, folks, as Rhys Jenkins threaded the needle for R-A and Emmerson poked one in their own net (the goal being credited to Roberts) to end the low-scoring affair.

Ambridge and Nichol each had two assists for the Fuellers (14-1-1), who will face Bishop & Wilson next week, while Emmerson (7-9) will try to snap a two-game losing streak against Vasey Insurance.

Youngdale Fuels 9, Curry Motors 6

The other Fuellers needed a six-goal burst in the middle of their game to fend off the pesky Motors, who had their eyes on Youngdale's spot in the standings.

Brent Flood scored his usual four goals for

to make it 6-4. The play see-sawed back and forth after that, with the teams trading goals until the final buzzer.

Rae had two for Youngdale (6-8-2) and Len Hodgson scored the other two, while Wood, Paul Howe and Ken Barry all added pairs of assists. For Currys (3-11-2), Jim Winn had a pair of goals and Roy Scott and Greg Bishop each had two assists. The win lifts Youngdale from seventh to a tie for fourth-place, one point behind the two teams tied for third. The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for Curry Motors.

Bishop & Wilson 11, Vasey Insurance 9

This score-a-thon was kept close from the beginning, but in the end, Erin Nicholls was too much for the brokers.

The red-headed scoring machine added to his record-setting pace with five goals, four coming in the final period to sink his opponents. Vasey held early leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first, but the surveyors got aligned and led 4-2 going into the second.

B & W went up 6-2 before Vasey pulled up their socks and got back in the game, trailing 7-5 after two. Vasey came back and trailed 9-8 with seven minutes left but Nicholls wasn't done and put the game away with two quick ones 1:36 apart.

Dan Curry had three goals and two assists for Bishop & Wilson, Phil Barry potted a pair and Neilson Sisson scored their other goal while Dean Curry and Rod Sisson each chipped in with three assists. For Vasey, Carl Rowbotham had three goals and two assists, Barry Boice scored a pair and added an assist, Bernie Upton had a goal and three assists and Tom Ballantyne, Tim Chambers

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SCOREBOARD

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REID DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
St. Peter's	16	12	3	1	107	68	25
Campbellford	14	9	4	1	66	35	19
Crestwood	13	8	5	0	71	55	16
T.A. Stewart	16	5	7	4	65	78	14
Norwood	14	4	8	2	56	61	10
Adam Scott	15	4	10	1	51	82	9
Kenner	14	3	9	2	45	71	8

INNIS DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
Haliburton	16	12	2	2	78	53	26
I.E. Weldon	15	6	6	3	69	59	15
Fenelon Falls	14	6	6	2	51	49	14
LCVI	15	4	8	3	56	79	11
Lakefield	16	4	9	3	52	94	11

Scoring Leaders	G	A	P
Ryan Quinn, St. Peter's	28	16	44
Sean Hazeldine, T.A.S.	21	21	42
Chris Fitzgerald, St. Pfr's	20	13	33
Jason Billings, Haliburton	14	17	31
Mark Morissette, Haliburton	9	19	28
Mark McGill, I.E.W.	15	12	27
Chad Delaplante, Crestwd	14	12	26
Bill Tighe, Lakefield	13	13	26
Pete Moher, St. Peter's	10	15	25
Dave Wright, Adam Scott	14	10	24
Brian Reeds, LCVI	13	11	24
Kevin Morissette, Haliburn	9	15	24

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, Feb. 3
Haliburton 6, Lakefield 4
Campbellford 5, Kenner 1

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Fenelon Falls 5, Adam Scott 2
Campbellford 10, Lakefield 0
Haliburton 5, LCVI 2
St. Peter's 7, Crestwood 6

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Haliburton 4, Fenelon Falls 3
Crestwood 7, LCVI 3

Thursday, Feb. 6
Norwood 7, I.E. Weldon 5
St. Peter's 9, T.A. Stewart 3

Friday, Feb. 7
I.E. Weldon 9, Lakefield 1

NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Feb. 13
I.G.A. vs. C.T.C. 7 p.m.
Apsley vs. Wilberforce, 8 p.m.
Rainbow vs. Haliburton, 9 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Haliburton League

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Roberts-Austin	14	1	1	119	69	29
Bishop & Wilson	9	6	1	121	113	19
Haliburton Lumber	7	8	1	91	90	15
Elstone Motors	6	7	3	92	104	15
Emmerson Lumber	7	9	0	94	80	14
Vasey Insurance	6	8	2	107	99	14
Youngdale Fuels	6	8	2	84	103	14
Curry Motors	3	11	2	94	143	8

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 16
Curry VS. Hal. Lumber, 6 p.m.
Bishop & Wilson VS. Roberts-Austin, 7:30 p.m.
Elstone VS. Youngdale, 9 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 17

Emmerson VS. Vasey

OLDTIMER'S HOCKEY

Wilberforce League

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
Haliburton	11	10	1	0	98	25	20
Ban. Cdn Tire	11	7	4	0	42	39	14
Wilberforce	11	5	5	1	55	57	11
Bancroft I.G.A.	11	5	6	0	50	45	10
Rainbow Auto Gl.	11	4	7	0	41	59	8
Apsley	11	1	9	1	23	83	3

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SPORTS

Novices, Fenelon split to open OMHA playoffs

Haliburton's OMHA Novices got back to some serious hockey this week and played as if a large, nagging burden had finally been removed, which it had. The Huskies started a best of five series with a split against the talented Fenelon Falls Flyers, a team that's given Haliburton a tough time all year, the opener 3-2 before recovering with a 5-2 win at home on Sunday.

Huskies needed a period to shake off the effects of inactivity in the opener and quickly got themselves into a 3-1 hole, but the remainder

of the game was all Haliburton. Unfortunately flyers goaltender Jason Bartley's performance was too much for the visitors and Fenelon held on for the big 3-2 win. Scot "Clutch" Curry, a big game performer all year, did his best to spark the squad with both goals but it was a frustrating night for the rest of the Husky snipers. Mike Craigen and Ryan Wood had assists.

Back in friendlier territory on Sunday, Haliburton continued their excellent play but this time reaped a little better return on their effort

in a 5-2 win.

By the half way point of the second period the Huskies had stretched their unscored-upon streak to almost four periods in vaulting to a 5-0 lead. Adam Wilson had a big say in that scene and even when the never-say-die Flyers hammered one in, late in the second and again early in the third, the big steady goaltender calmly took the game in hand and denied Felelon for the remainder.

"Clutch" Curry cashed in the opening goal of the game before Mike Craigen fired three straight. Jeff Wilson finished off the scoring for the home team when he turned a Fenelon defender inside out then tucked the puck neatly behind Bartley who was having much less fun than in the opener.

The new line of Ryan Simioni, Ryan Wood and Jeff Wilson is already playing like old buddies and kept pressure in the Flyers zone throughout games one and two while defensemen Danny Koz, 'Bam Bam' Glendinning, Bobby Hebert and Jamie Johnston were almost flawless. They'll have to continue their great play, though, if the Huskies are to prevail in this tight series. In two regular season clashes, Haliburton won by a single goal and tied. Game three goes Wednesday in Haliburton at 6:30.



SET TO GO: Twenty-six skaters from the Haliburton Figure Skating Club will compete in the Kawartha-Highlands InterClub '92 competition this weekend at the Dysart Arena. Pictured are Andrea Bull, Kasey Bull, Katie Campbell, Nichole Cooper, Crystal Coumbs, Kelly Dawson, Jocelyn Eastmure, Vanessa Eastmure, Melissa Forgrave, Katherine Hagerman, Ainsley Heyes, Ashley Hartin, Tanya Hunter, Jennifer McPhail, Kim Mulholland, Cassandra Nimigon, Amberlea Pergolas, Alicia Sales, Stephanie Sales, Thera Simioni, Erin Turner, Jennifer Turner and Laurie Turner. Not in the picture are Rebekah Consack, Dawn Hebert and Charlyn Irvine.

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Redmen dump rivals as season's end is nearing

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and they coasted to a 6-4 victory.

Mark Morissette had a pair for the Redmen; Jason Billings, Wyatt Nesbitt and Derek Wilson each had a goal and an assist and Greg Stamp also scored.

McCracken came up with a superb effort the next night in Lindsay as the Redmen downed the LCVI Spartans 5-2. McCracken kept the Redmen in throughout the game as they had to play very disciplined to overcome a determining Spartan squad fighting for a playoff berth.

advantage throughout the playoffs will be very valuable as most of the teams in the league are very close and a loud home crowd could make a difference. All three rounds are best two-out-of-three and the Redmen will likely face Thomas A. Stewart in the quarter-final round.

"The Peterborough teams hate coming up to play here," Morissette said, "which is good. We get a good crowd here and that'll help us when the going gets tough."

The two teams traded goals in the first period and the Redmen went up 3-1 midway through the second before the Spartans came back with one of their own. But that was all they'd get as HHSS scored a few minutes later and added another in the third.

"LCVI wanted that one bad," Morissette said, "They were pinching their defensemen in and tried to bottle us up but McCracken came up really big for us."

Mark Morissette scored another pair for HHSS, while Stamp, Dollo and Nesbitt provided the rest of the firepower.

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So it was on February 4 when Beaverton came to town to take on the Keith Jackson Real Estate PeeWees in the third and final game of the Division playoffs. Beaverton tried to use their strength to contain the smaller, faster Haliburton team, but the hometown Huskies prevailed 3-0.

Josh Burk and Curtis Reynolds were particular targets for Beaverton checkers. The Beaverton coach assigned two players to check Josh Burk because he knew that if he kept Burk off the score sheet, Haliburton would have little chance of victory.

Fortunately for Keith's boys, Haliburton enjoyed the advantage of having the last change and were able to force Beaverton to keep their checkers on the ice for long periods of time. The result was little Beaverton offence and lines that were in constant disarray.

Haliburton scored first in the second period after Beaverton's aggressiveness caused them to be penalized. Matt Gailbraith got the goal, assisted by Rene Gagnon.

Minutes later, Gagnon scored himself when his centering pass bounced off the goalie's stick and into the net. Josh Burk tallied the final goal in the third period assisted by Curtis Reynolds. Brock Glendinning shut Beaverton down with two dazzling saves in the third period to record his tenth shutout in the past 16 games.

But goals and assists alone don't win hockey games. Josh Dennis played an outstanding game, bouncing Beaverton players at every opportunity while making sure that the puck didn't say in Haliburton's zone for any length of time. Ian Clements backchecked with the best of them and Aaron Galbraith is sure to be a candidate for Don Cherry's "Rock'em Sock'em III".

Jon Hebert sacrificed every part of his body for the good of the team while Bill Dovell and Andy Madill made many quick and accurate passes under pressure.

The physical part of the game took its toll as Haliburton collected 44 minutes in penalties while defending Keith Jackson's Real Estate but Mike Bradley, Jon Hebert, Rene Gagnon, Josh Burk and Curtis Reynolds killed the

penalties with such expertise that little damage was done.

The bodies of 13 boys were definitely sore the next morning, because they certainly took a pounding, but their hearts were strong and that is how the real hockey player is measured. One spectator mentioned that Matt Gailbraith's heart must be bigger than any man's.

Keith's boys continued their Ontario playdowns in Powassan on Saturday and Sunday, the team will return to Haliburton tonight at 7 p.m. A fourth game of the best-of-five series will be played in Wilberforce on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. if necessary. The time and location of a fifth game will be announced at a later date.

B&W widens second-place lead

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and Tim Cawker rounded out their scoring.

B & W (9-6-1), has won five of their last six and Vasey (6-7-3) has now lost three straight and four of their last five.

Haliburton Lumber 6, Elstone Motors 4

After all of the excitement last week (a last-second goal to tie Roberts-Austin), Elstone just didn't have the right stuff Sunday night and fell victim to five unanswered goals by Haliburton Lumber.

The Lumbermen scored first but Elstone came back and led 2-1 after one. But then Haliburton did some motoring of their own, scoring the only three goals in the second period and two more in the third to go up 6-2.

It looked like it would end that way until Dave McKay scored twice in the final minute to make it look more respectable and complete his hat trick.

Ron Yake scored the other Elstone goal and added a pair of assists, while Greg Carpenter led Haliburton Lumber's scorers with a pair. Scott Rae had a goal and two assists for the winners, while Norm Barry, Kevin Phillips and Dave Hicks each popped a goal and added an assist.

The Motorers (6-7-3) have only won once in their last six games and now find themselves tied with the Lumbermen (7-8-1), who have won two in a row.

Emphasis on fun for Ski Tour

by Blake Paton

The winter has been reasonably kind to nordic skiers this year in the Haliburton area. All the trails are open and skiers have been gushing about the fantastic ski conditions that prevailed for the past few weeks.

It is now time for skiers to plan to attend the annual Haliburton Ski Tour, scheduled for Saturday,

February 15. This year's edition will start on Head Lake near the municipal dock and circle the newly-renovated trails at Glebe Park. This trail was bulldozed in the fall, so the race will be more exciting than ever.

"I expect a good turnout, a good race and a lot of fun will be the order of the day," says Jim Andrews, ski club president. "The race is designed for skiers from

any ability level, and, unlike some ski races, the emphasis is on fun."

Registration is at 10:00 a.m. at the caboose, and skiers may choose to ski 8.6 or 2 km while the race starts at 11:30. There are numerous prizes which have been donated by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Bank of Montreal, McKeck's Place, the Sport Stop and Under Cover Books.

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SPORTS

Jasco Tykes down Lakefield, tie Bobcaygeon over weekend

The Jasco Tykes downed Lakefield 4-2 in an exhibition game on Friday. The Huskies opened the scoring when Ryan Taylor snuck one past the Lakefield goalie but Lakefield got one back half-way through the second period when Tom Lansborough beat Ross Gerry.

The teams entered the third tied at one and Ryan Taylor scored his second goal of the game putting Haliburton up 2-1 three minutes into the period. Then 16 seconds later, Ryan got his hat-trick goal moving Haliburton out to a comfortable 3-1 lead.

With under three minutes left in the game, Ryan Taylor scored his fourth goal, but Lakefield hadn't given up yet, they replied with

their second goal nine seconds later when Nick Thomas scored. Both teams were unable to do any more scoring and the game ended 4-2. The Jasco Boys scored a couple of other goals that were called back because the buzzer had gone a split second before the puck had crossed the line.

On Saturday, the Jasco Team was back to regular season play and once again, they laid their undefeated streak on the line (the streak has climbed to 18 games). Bobcaygeon was the opponent and the Huskies opened the scoring with just over three minutes left in the first period, when Justin Sharpley scored from a nice set up by Matthew Marlin. A couple of minutes later, Bobcaygeon tied it

back up.

Early in the second period, Matthew Brown put Haliburton up 2-1 when he worked his way out of the corner, avoiding several Bobcaygeon defenders, then depositing the puck on his back hand behind the Bobcaygeon goalie (earning an assist on the play was Matthew Marlin). Bobcaygeon came roaring back with two quick goals but with just over five minutes left in the third period, Jamie Sala sent Matthew Marlin in all alone and he made no mistake, tying the game at 3-3. The two teams couldn't score again and the game remained tied. Superb goaltending by Ross Gerry held Haliburton in the game.

Tri-County Atoms win series over Manvers in three straight

The Tri-County Atom Huskies opened their best-of-five playoff series against Manvers with a 1-0 win on Friday. Both Kory Cameron of Manvers and Brian Mulholland of Haliburton were outstanding in goal in what was a scoreless duel until the 5:50 mark of the third period when Huskie Captain Wes Ryan drilled home the game's lone goal on a perfect pass from Dan Clark.

The second and third games were played the following day in

Haliburton. The first game was a lopsided affair with the Huskies dominating in a 7-1 victory. Dan Clark and Wes Ryan contributed two goals each with singles going to Chris Clark, Graham Schakelaar and Kevin Harrison. Kevin Mills scored the lone Manvers goal.

The third and final game of the series was a close game with the Huskies taking a 3-0 lead into the third period on goals by Kevin Harrison, Wes Ryan and Chris Clark. But the Manvers team came

on strong with two late goals by Andrew Flynn and Ryan Elliott. The game was salted away with Wes Ryan's second goal of the game into an empty net to give the Huskies a 4-2 win. Amy Wood with a couple of assists on the weekend, while Neil Paul, Shaun Hughes, Ginger Sharp and newcomer Shane Studholme all played very well. But special praise should be given to Jeremy Hall who split his time between left wing and goaltender and did a terrific job.

Oshawa rink wins mixed spiel

The second weekend in February has traditionally been the weekend when the Haliburton Curling Club has welcomed teams of mixed curlers to participate in the annual PineStone Bonspiel. This year 16 teams competed in two draws during the evening on

Friday and all day Saturday. Attendance was down somewhat over previous years but the club was encouraged by the number of out of town teams participating and a number of new visitors to our club.

The winners of the "A" event was the rink from Oshawa skipped by Rob Rogers. Other members of his team were Stacey Wright, Keith Schwark and Cindy Walker. They were presented with first place trophy for the three game high winning score. Second place winner with the two game high score was the rink of Jon Lansdowne, Lise Ainsley, Geoff Ainsley and Hilary Lansdowne. The "C" event winner for one game high score was Ken Wilson's

rink, also from Haliburton. His team members were Dorothy Wilson, Dale Robinson and Barb Wood.

All winners received prizes provided by the Bonspiel sponsors: PineStone Inn and Country Club, the Collier Family and Phyllis Woodcock.

Organizers of the Bonspiel, Lee and Sue Thurston thanked all the volunteers for their help in the kitchen and behind the bar and especially Harry Rodley for the excellent ice.

The annual highland Mixed Bonspiel will be held at the Club on March 20, 21 and 22 with a full slate of 24 teams already registered. The banquet and awards night will be held April 11.

Midgets lose

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frey scored again and this is how the game would end. The local boys outshot Godfrey 31 to 23 overall.

The remaining games will all be played in Haliburton starting tomorrow 8 p.m. and continuing Friday at 8:30 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1992, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:
Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 34, Concession XII, Township of Glamorgan, being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-5417. (Part 2 will be closed and conveyed to the Crown - Ministry of Natural Resources - flooded portion).
The Plan of Survey 19R-5417 as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan office, Gooderham, Ontario.
AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-law and who applies to be heard.
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Dad's dream a bargain

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It would've taken a lot to convince me then, but my Dad had better eyes — he saw the potential. And now I see it too: at \$19,000, a bargain it was indeed.

Our first night in Daddy's Dream (as it came to be known) was an exercise in resourcefulness. The mosquitoes were so bad we nailed canvas pup-tents to the splintery floorboards and camped inside. Andy and I pitched our tent in what would become the bathroom while Mom, Dad, and Baby Mike slept on the spot that is now the lazy Susan. The only furniture in the place was a sprawling yellow picnic table (which has become an institution and remains in our dining room to this day), and we sat around it all that evening, playing "Hearts" while Dad pumped the Coleman stove.

Things got easier.

"It's a 10-year-plan," said Dad when his five years were up. By that time he had provided us with electricity, wavy cedar siding, two sinks, one dock and thousands of leaky canoes from thousands of country church auctions. But we still had no walls — not even on the outhouse!

"If we every get neighbours, I'll build the walls," Dad promised. Thus, it was his own fault when his dear (and somewhat staid) mother came for her first visit, and was greeted by Baby Mike: waving cheerfully from the kybo with his Dr. Denton's spooled around his ankles.

It wasn't Mike's fault, of course. Living without walls will teach you to be immodest. But poor Mom was the only woman in the house, and I think it was for her sake that Dad introduced the maps to the cottage. Allow me to explain. You see, Dad was a history teacher, and through his connections with the school board he acquired scores of outdated world maps which we pinned to the studs to provide a semblance of privacy. They were dusty old roll-downs printed by Jersey Milk Chocolate, and they remain, to the bet of my knowledge, the only maps purporting the existence of Malted Milk bars in the Indian Ocean.

The cottage was always a learning experience.

Especially for Dad, who spent summer after summer embroiled in his *Readers Digest Build-it-Yourself* books. The 10-year-plan swelled to 15 as kitchen cupboards, fiberglass pink, knotty pine walls and an indoor humus toilet (which deserves a column of its own) were installed.

During these years, my brothers and I managed to avoid the "work detail" (Dad's term; he's an old navy man) by hunting toads for toad races, peeing from the Diving Rock, reading comics in the rafters and learning how to spit. On rainy days we'd drink tea and play "Hearts", and when the sun came out we'd take to the canoes. Whenever Dad caught us, it wasn't hard to convince him to lay down his jigsaw in favour of a sail.

Those years passed too quickly. Before I knew it I was pulled away by jobs and girlfriends and university and Toronto. And now I'm a man and the twenty-year-plan is finished (wrap-around deck and sauna notwithstanding), and Mom and Dad are

retire and living up north year-round.

"I guess I'd better build that guest cabin this summer," Dad says when he sees me. "This cottage just isn't big enough now. Soon you guys will be bringing wives and kids of your own up here with you."

Wives, yes. Kids, not yet. Susanne and I pile into the Honda and roll north to Kennisiss every weekend we can. We listen to Elton John singing "Rocket Man" and play UP, DOWN, AROUND to appease our queasy stomachs. But 20 years have come and gone and the road is now paved and the drive seems shorter.

But the people are still the same. As diverse, as helpful, and as caring as ever. It is these people I will describe in this column; life on a lake, as seen by a weekend cottager.

"White about me!" says Mike from behind his hand of cards. "Write about the time I won the sailing race."

"Write about Ormel Wilby!" says Andy. "He's a native" he must have a thousand stories."

"No," says Mom, who is quiet and wise. "Write the first column about your Dad. He's the only reason we're here at all."

Right you are, Mom.

So, looky here Dad, here's a column for you. To thank you for keeping the faith in your five-year-plan and never working too hard on a sunny day.

And by the way, I never peed from the Diving Rock. I only said that to sound cool.

Editor's note: David Carroll will be a regular contributor to these pages. Please see the profile of him elsewhere in the Echo.

Laura learns winter's wonders

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the rest of the population: well it was a matter of getting through that period between New Year's and Easter. Needless to say, so-called cottage country was just that — strictly for summer cottages.

But give Canadians the proper clothing and means to be mobile through a winter landscape and they take to the experience like kids to a fresh snowfall. Once basic needs are no longer a concern, people are free to enjoy the unique pleasures of winter.

Winter has its attractions, not the least of which is less congested highways, lakes and trails. The quiet, muffled even further by mounds of insulating snow, is definitely attractive to many people. Couple this with a certain element of solitude and the result is a wonderful recipe for mental rest and rejuvenation.

Having reached her destination, Laura put further analytical thoughts out of her head as she strapped the ski harness over her boots. She liked winter simply because it felt good to be outside.

And while cross-country skiing across the lake was not everyone's cup of tea, Laura loved it because it made her feel so alive and close to her environment. She almost wished she could somehow ski silently, without the shush, shush of wood through snow. Because when she stopped, there was not a sound to be heard except for her own breathing. When she moved her arm up to pull the toque further down over her ears, the jacket sleeve crackled noisily, fabric rubbing fabric.

Then as she stood motionless, gazing down the lake and listening for any stray sound her ears might pick up, she heard the wump, wump of the raven's wings as it approached overhead. Looking up she saw the big black bird in sharp contrast against the

sky. Its black feathers glistened almost oily in the sunlight, the large fierce beak etched against the sky. Wump, wump continued its wings aw the large bird passed above her. Then she heard its unexpected warble, loud and eric in the crisp, clear air. It was close enough for Laura to see the raven's throat tremble as the sound came forth.

Then it had passed, its wings and throaty call fading into the tree branches lining the frozen shore.

Laura continued moving across the snow, her noisy skies once again the only intrusion.

The open space and unbroken curves of the hills surrounding the lake were soothing to Laura. Like a poultice placed on some sore, that slowly drained the hurt away. It would have been difficult to find this special peace here in the summer. Boats would find their way through the bay on an almost continuous basis. While she knew it was just a matter of time before one of the snowmobiles shattered the quiet, the machines were less numerous at this time of the week.

She did the summer's loons however. Like the ravens, their call gave an eerie tingle to her spine. Then Laura saw a blur against one of the curving hills and realized two deer were making their way over the ice. She wondered if they would mind her presence, although there was quite a distance separating them.

She was really looking forward to a steaming bowl of soup. The pot had been simmering all morning. This was yet another bonus to winter, she thought, blinking in the bright sunlight despite her sunglasses. Hot food had a special appeal when seasoned with a healthy, outdoor appetite. She picked up her pace slightly. Laura just remembered there were still two homemade rolls leftover from the day before.

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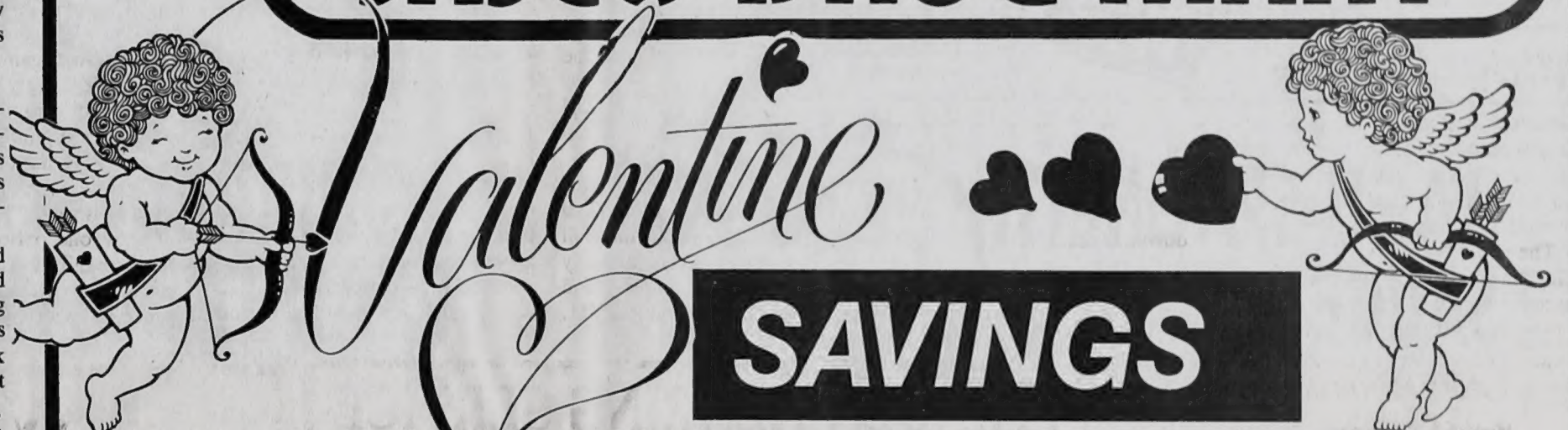
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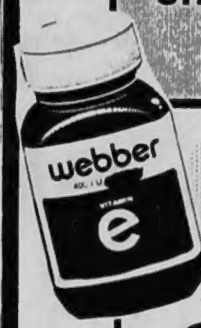
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